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## Academic Appointments

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Political Theory Project, Brown University, 2018–present.

## Education

PhD in Political Economy, King’s College London, 2018.

Thesis: *Essays on Political and Criminal Violence*. Thesis Committee: Gabriel Leon (King’s College London), Toke Aidt (University of Cambridge) & Graham Denyer Willis (University of Cambridge).

MA in International Relations, The Graduate Institute Geneva, 2014.

MA in Political Science, University of São Paulo, 2011.

BA in Social Sciences, University of São Paulo, 2007.

## Research Interests

Substantive: Political Violence, Informal Governance, Collective Action, Brazilian Politics

Methodological: Impact Evaluation, Survey Experiments, Meta Analysis, Computational Social Science

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

**Freire, D.** [Beasts of Prey or Rational Animals?: Private Governance in Brazil’s \*Jogo do Bicho\*](#). Forthcoming in *Latin American Perspectives*. Media coverage: [BBC Brazil](#).

**Freire, D.** [Evaluating the Effect of Homicide Prevention Strategies in São Paulo, Brazil: A Synthetic Control Approach](#). *Latin American Research Review*, 2018, 53(2), 231–249. [Replication files](#). Media coverage: [Valor Econômico](#).

McDonnell, R., **Freire, D.** [prisonbrief: An R package that returns tidy data from the World Prison Brief website](#). *Journal of Open Source Software*, 2018, 3(22), 361.

Arbache, G., **Freire, D.**, Rodrigues, P. [Lack of Preferences, Political Trust and Education Levels: Alternative Explanations for Invalid Votes in Brazilian Elections](#). *Encuentro Latinoamericano*, 2015, 1(1), 29–50. [Replication files](#).

**Freire, D.** [Between Ballot Boxes and Guns: The Competitiveness of the Executive Branch and Civil Wars, 1976-2000](#). *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*, 2014, 36, 33–60. [Replication files](#).

### Book Chapters

Skarbek, D., **Freire, D.** [Prison Gangs](#). In: Griffin, Hayden; Woodward, Vanessa (ed.). *Handbook of Corrections in the United States*. London: Routledge, 2017, 399–408.

**Freire, D.** [A Nova Gestão Pública e a Qualidade da Democracia \[The New Public Administration and the Quality of Democracy\]](#). In: Erkens, Rainer (ed.). *Nova Gestão Pública*. São Paulo: Instituto Friedrich Naumann, 2010, 9–15.

## Other Publications

**Freire, D.** [Peering at Open Peer Review](#). *The Political Methodologist*, 2015, 23 (1), 6–11.

**Freire, D.** [Book Review: Causal Inference, Shaolin-Style: ‘Mastering Metrics’ by Joshua D. Angrist and Jörn-Steffen Pischke](#). *Brazilian Political Science Review*, 2015, 9 (3), 178–185.

**Freire, D.** [Entering the Underworld: Prison Gang Recruitment in São Paulo’s Primeiro Comando da Capital](#). Geneva: Master’s Degree Thesis in International Relations, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, 2014, 97p.

**Freire, D.** [Book Review: ‘Why Nations Fail’ by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson](#). *Meridiano47*, 2013, 14 (135).

**Freire, D.** [Entre Urnas e Armas: A Competitividade do Executivo e as Guerras Civas, 1976-2000 \[Between Ballot Boxes and Guns: The Competitiveness of the Executive Branch and Civil Wars, 1976-2000\]](#). São Paulo: Master’s Degree Thesis in Political Science, University of São Paulo, 2011, 204p. [Replication files](#).

## Working Papers

**Freire, D.**, Mignozzetti, U., Skarbek, D. [Latin American Elites Favour Polycentric Governance in Climate Change Agreements](#). Under review.

**Freire, D.**, Uzonyi, G. [What Drives State-Sponsored Violence? Evidence from Extreme Bounds Analysis and Ensemble Learning Methods](#). Under review.

**Freire, D.**, Meadowcroft, J., Skarbek, D., Guerrero, E. [Deaths and Disappearances in the Pinochet Regime: A New Dataset](#).

## Software

McDonnell, R., Duarte, G, **Freire, D.** [congressbr](#). Downloads, unpacks and tidies Legislative data from the Brazilian Federal Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

McDonnell, R., **Freire, D.** [prisonbrief](#). R package that returns tidy data from the World Prison Brief website.

## Fellowships and Awards

Research Grant, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2018. Joint with D. Skarbek and U. Mignozzetti (US\$ 64,000).

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2017–2018 (US\$ 5,000).

Hayek Fund for Scholars Award, Institute for Humane Studies, 2017 (US\$ 500).

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2017–2018 (US\$ 5,000).

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2016–2017 (US\$ 5,000).

PhD Scholarship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2016–2017 (US\$ 1,500).

Graduate School International Research Studentship, King’s College London, 2015–2018.

CAPES–Brazilian Ministry of Education. Scholarship for PhD Studies Abroad (declined), 2015–2018.

MA Scholarship, Graduate Institute Geneva, 2012–2014.

CAPES–Brazilian Ministry of Education. Scholarship for MA Studies, 2009–2011.

## Recent Presentations and Invited Talks

[Latin American Elites Favour Polycentric Governance in Climate Change Agreements](#). APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2019.

[Latin American Elites Favour Polycentric Governance in Climate Change Agreements](#). Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 2019.

[What Drives State-Sponsored Violence?: Evidence from Extreme Bounds Analysis and Ensemble Learning Methods](#). Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, Louisville, 2019.

[Three Ideas from the Vienna, Virginia, and Bloomington Schools of Political Economy](#). *Hayek Group Meeting*, Friedrich Naumann Stiftung für die Freiheit and Prometheus – Das Freiheitsinstitut, Berlin, 2017.

[Beasts of Prey or Rational Animals?: Private Governance in Brazil's \*Jogo do Bicho\*](#). VI Oxbridge Conference on Brazilian Studies, University of Cambridge, 2017.

## Teaching

Instructor, POLS 1600 – Political Research Methods (Undergraduate). Brown University, 2019. Course website: <https://pols1600.github.io/>.

Module Convener, Political Economy and Institutions (Graduate, Online). Centro de Estudios Superiores Online de Madrid Manuel Ayau (OMMA) and Universidad Francisco Marroquín, 2017. Student evaluation: 5/5. Course materials: <https://github.com/danilofreire/economia-politica-instituicoes-ufm>

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics II – Macroeconomics (Undergraduate). Professor Konstantinos Matakos, King's College London, 2017. Course materials: <https://github.com/danilofreire/core-econ>

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics I – Microeconomics (Undergraduate). Professor David Skarbek, King's College London, 2016. Course materials: <https://github.com/danilofreire/core-econ>

## Skills

### Software

R, Stata, SPSS, Stan, JAGS, Atlas.ti, git, Jekyll, Markdown,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .

### Languages

Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), German (beginner), French (beginner).

## Selected Additional Training

Transparent and Open Social Science Research, University of California, Berkeley, 2017.

European Field Experiments Summer School, University of Palermo, 2017.

Text Analysis Using R, London School of Economics, 2017.

Data Science Specialisation, John Hopkins University on Coursera, 2015.

Modern Regression Analysis, IPSA Summer School, 2012.

Mixed Methods Design, IPSA Summer School, 2011.

Policies for Growth, World Bank Institute, 2011.

## Service

Co-editor: Leviathan, University of São Paulo, 2012–2016.

Referee: Latin American Research Review, Leviathan, Politikon, Revista Española de Ciencia Política, The Social Science Journal.

## Memberships

American Economic Association

American Political Science Association

International Political Science Association

Society for Political Methodology

## References

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John Meadowcroft. Lecturer, King's College London. Email: [john.meadowcroft@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:john.meadowcroft@kcl.ac.uk)

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